

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/NZ2003/000270

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTERInt. Cl. ⁷: C07H 1/08; C12P 19/24, 19/14, 19/02, 7/58; A23L 1/09

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

ORBIT-QUESTEL File WPAT, STN Files CA FSTA: key words lactose, glucose, galactose, gluconic acid, isomerase and similar terms.

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	WO 1999/053088 A1 (DEVA PROCESSING SERVICES LTD) 21 October 1999. See whole document.	1-34
Y	US 3852496 A (H. W. WEETAL et al.) 3 December 1974. See whole document.	1-34
Y	GB 925380 A (THOMAS KERFOOT AND CO LTD) 8 May 1963. See whole document.	1-34



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WO	1999/053088	AU	30437/99	EP	1070137	GB	9807586
US	3852496	CA	1025387	DE	2441896	FR	2242032
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